To the Hon:ble the Council and Gentlemen of the Hon:ble House of Representatives in General Aſsembly at Portsmouth Convened Dec:r 18th 1782

The Humble Petition of the several persons Inhabitants Within the state of Newhampshire, Whose names are hereunto set and subscribed;

Sheweth

. That your Petitioners have heared with the deepest Concern, that the late General aſsembly at their last seſsion in Exeter paſsed a resolve, That M:rs Jane Holland the Wife of Stephen Holland Esq:r an absentee, and an avowed Enemy of the United States, sho: have leave to return for some time to this state;

That they Conceive this will encourage the rest of the Absentees in a like mode of Application, Contrary to the sense of Congreſs and the ~~the~~ neighbouring Commonwealth of Maſsachusets

That the People in General are greatly alarmed as believing sho: that Lady return, she will be the Channel of Intelligence and Correspondence, between our Enemies at New York, and those here Amongst us, and your Petitioners dread the Consequence

Therefore

They most Humbly pray Your Honours to take this matter into your serious consideration and that M:rs Holland may be Prevented from Coming back Either by rescinding the said Resolve or in some other manner as Your Honours in your Wisdom shall think best

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David Patten
Joseph M:cLeagh

Tho:s Maclaghlin
Josiah Gillis
John Patten
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Petition concerning
the admiſsion of Mr.
Holland —